

# Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

June 7, 2016

6:00 PM

Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka, CA 95501

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 1800 by Chairman Ravetti.  
**Members Present:** Dave Ravetti, Dom Bucciarelli, Tim Callison, Alex Stillman, John McBeth, Rich Fenton  
**Members Absent:** Justin Zabel, Joe Shepp, Kyle Gabel  
**Staff:** Emily Jacobs, Humboldt County Department of Public Works  
**Guests:** Steve Pritchard, Al Castaldi, Doug Holsclaw

The Committee reserves the right to bring presentations by invited guests forward as a courtesy to those individuals. *No modification to agenda at this meeting.*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT  
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter *not* on this agenda that is under the jurisdiction of the Committee. (The Committee has the right to limit presentations to three minutes.)

Fence at Murray Field highway access road to receive a reflectorized directional arrow to minimize possibility of additional car collisions at the 90 degree turn.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – 5/24/2016 meeting minutes. Alex Stillman moved and John McBeth seconded the minutes for approval. Approved by unanimous voice vote (Richard Fenton not present during this approval).

4. AVIATION DIVISION REPORT

- A. Airports Projects Update

1. ALP review – Emily Jacobs presented the draft ACV ALP document for Committee discussion. Various locations for a possible solar farm were discussed. Possible competing future commercial development of the same spaces were also discussed. It was decided to ask that both uses be noted on the ALP document. The County maintenance yard and associated area was noted to be a possible site for future FBO development. The Kjer Road properties were requested by the Committee to be restricted to conditional use permitting for any future development, due to their proximity to the runway environment. All vacant parcels on the airport not specifically designated for other uses are to be indicated on the ALP for possible future commercial/industrial use. A parcel in the Clam Beach County Park is to be marked as a future mitigation area.

- B. Aviation Division Update

1. RCO deletion from KEKA – Chairman Ravetti proposed a letter to be sent to the FAA in support of retaining the EKA RCO. It will be sent with additional

signatory names, but without Committee validation, to Humboldt County Public Works to be forwarded to the FAA.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Leasing of non-aeronautical land at county airports – Non aeronautical uses on the airport property are expected to be leased at market rates or above, per the FAA, since the County has been accepting Federal ACIP grants. Alex Stillman made a motion to request all County MOU's for non-aeronautical uses on the various airport properties. John McBeth seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

7. ITEMS for the June 28, 2016 Committee meeting

- A. MOU's for leases on County property

8. ADJOURNMENT at 1947 by Chairman Ravetti

Attachments: Murray Field RCO Letter  
EAA Father's Day Event Flyer

***Respectfully submitted on June 7, 2016 by Richard R. Fenton, Secretary***

June 7, 2016

Federal Aviation Administration

Dear FAA,

Your plan to decommission various Remote Communication Outlets (RCOs) in an effort to save agency funds is applauded, except for the fact that some RCOs can be a safety of flight issue.

Murray Field (EKA) has had an RCO for many years. This provides a direct link to the Oakland FSS. Pilots use this link to open and close flight plans and obtain weather information such as radar map interpretation just prior to departure. On landing, pilots then make pilot reports (PIREPS) which is a very integral item that forecasters use to verify their forecasts. Pilots also use the RCO at EKA to obtain and **CANCEL** ATC IFR clearances as communication with Seattle Center while on the ground is very spotty or impossible and using an aircraft aloft to relay is not always an option. Any delay in **NOT** cancelling an IFR flight plan can stop all IFR traffic at several airfields including ACV which has airline traffic.

Several years ago the one and only pay phone available for public use at EKA was decommissioned due to budget cuts. The choice was a port-a-pot or the pay phone. Not all pilots always have operating cell phones, so the busiest general aviation airport for one hundred miles will be out of efficient communication with FSS and ATC.

My private airplane is based at EKA and I fly a twin turbo-prop in air ambulance configuration from there as well. The air ambulance supports the two only hospitals in the area. Time will be lost if and when the RCO is removed and MEDEVAC pilots must revert to calling on cell phones.

I, and the undersigned additional Humboldt County pilot residents, sincerely request that the Eureka Murray RCO NOT be decommissioned.

Thank you,

David Ravetti  
Airline Transport Pilot  
Certificated Flight Instructor-Instrument Airplane

Al Castaldi, ATP CFII

Dominic Bucciarelli, USCG helicopter pilot

Alex Stillman, Humboldt County resident

John McBeth, Private Pilot

Rich Fenton, Private Pilot



# CHAPTER 157

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### *Meeting Time*

**Third Tuesday of the Month**

**6:30PM Dinner Meeting**

### *Meeting Place*

**Quonset Hut**

**Benton Airpark - West Side**

May 5, 2016

County of Humboldt  
Rohnerville Airport  
1106 2nd St.  
Eureka, CA 95501

Greetings,

Redding EAA is once again sponsoring the Aviation Day Fly-In on Father's Day in Redding, this year on Sunday, June 19th. I have enclosed a flier on the event.

We are trying to get the word out to all Northern California-Southern Oregon pilots who may want to have a reason to go flying on that day. We are inviting them to fly to Aviation Day.

All pilots and co-pilots get a free breakfast and a chance to meet and talk airplane talk with other area pilots.

Would you please put the enclosed flier on your bulletin board so that they may know about it and plan for it.

Thank you very much and have a great summer flying season.

Irwin Fust  
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Chapter 157

Redding's EAA Chapter 157 Presents its Father's Day



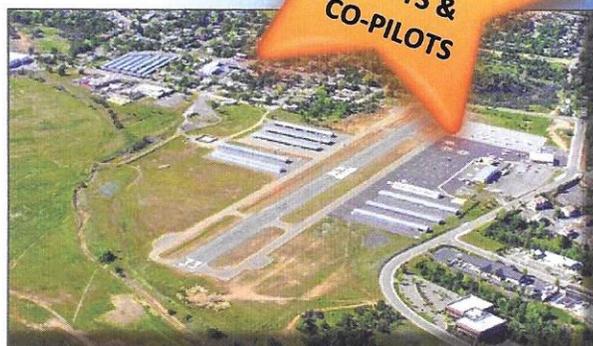
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June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7 A.M. – 2 P.M.

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